Your Problems

By Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: My sweetheart passed away two years ago. He was married and had children. His wife got everything.

We went together before he got married but somehow we drifted apart and didn't rediscover each other until it was too late. His wife must have known he had an "outside interest" because he spent a lot of time with me. I never asked what went on at home because I figured it was his business. I decided four nights out of seven wasn't a bad average when you have no paper or ring to hold a man.

What I want to know is this: I visit his grave often and there is no headstone of any kind. I want to put up a nice stone for him. No one would have to know who did it. It hurts my heart to see his resting place unmarked. Advise me, please.—HIS TRUE LOVE.

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Dear H. T. L.: What do you mean "no one would have to know who did it?" Is the widow blind? Or do you imagine she will think the Blue Fairy put it there? Be realistic.

It's not your place to put up a stone for this man. Do his widow and children the kindness of leaving his grave alone.

I'm Sick with Regret

Dear Ann Landers: Please help me. I hate myself and I'm sick with regret. I met a guy at work and fell for him fast. He took me out a few times and I was on Cloud No. 9. On the last date I let him go a little too far. Now he ignores me.

I see him 20 times a day and he always looks the other way. It's as if a knife were going through me. I'm sorry for what happened and I want to let him know. But he runs away from me all the time. I can't get him alone to talk with him privately. I've learned my lesson but good. Please tell me what to do.—SORRY NOW.

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Dear Sorry: You can't saw sawdust. Now quit running after this fellow. His opinion of you is based on first-hand knowledge. If you want a fellow to think you're a lady, you must behave like a lady. Merely telling him you're one won't do.

You made a bad mistake. Learn from it. There will be other fellows in your life. Let this bitter experience serve as "The Horrible Example" and a constant reminder to keep your head on straight.

Fighting for Years

Dear Ann Landers: I am almost 15 years old and ever since I can remember my folks have been fighting.

My mother spends too much money and when the bills come my dad yells his head off. She slams the door in his face, then he gets real mad and hits her. They fight about relatives, too. Mom hates his people and he hates hers.

I asked my mother why she didn't divorce Dad so we could have some peace in the house. She said "We can't afford two separate places. Besides, why should he be let free and have the advantages of a single man?"

Do you think people should live together when they hate each other? Please tell me. There's so much I don't understand.—Almost 15.

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Dear Almost 15: Your Mom and Dad didn't always hate each other. They got married because they wanted to spend their lives together. Something went wrong and it's up to them to find out what it was.

Divorce is not the magic solution. Often it simply enables people to get out of one mess and into another. The realistic way to handle marriage problems is to face them, not run from them. Put this column on your Dad's dinner plate tonight and ask him if he will take your Mom to a clergyman and get this badly derailed marriage back on the track.

Confidential to Tug-O-War: Grow and pack up. Your place is with your husband, even if it means being separated from your parents by 10,000 miles.

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To learn the booby-traps of teenage drinking, write for Ann Landers' new booklet, "Teenage Drinking," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

CHILD LABOR

The working day for children under 12 was limited to 10 hours by a law passed in Massachusetts in 1842.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Simpson, 7085 Beach Drive, Brentwood Bay, wish to announce the engagement of their only daughter, Dorothy Anne, to Mr. Claude James Creed, eldest son of Mr. Claude H. Creed, Brentwood. The wedding will take place in the Brentwood United Church, April 4, at 7.30 p.m., with Rev. Howard D. Johnstone officiating.—(Photo by Paul Joncas)

He Walked Out on Her

Elvis a Cad, Says Fraulein

FRANKFURT (WNS) — Is Elvis Presley a cad?

"Yes," says pony-tailed, "sweet sixteen" Margrit Buergin.

The pretty fraulein accuses "El" of jilting her after the publicity value of their romance had been exhausted. There are reports Margit has written Private Presley threatening suicide unless he resumes their well-publicized friendship.

"Overnight — and for no reason at all—I became the fraulien that Elvis Presley walked out on," sobs Margrit.

Margrit became Germany's headline girl last Christmas when Elvis began dating her. A clerk in a Frankfurt store, she met Presley by accompanying a photographer to Elvis' hotel.

Soon after, Germany's teenagers were titillating to magazine picture spreads of Elvis squiring Margrit around West Germany in his snow-white, $8,000 German sports car.

A "cute kid," as Presley characterized her, Margrit soon was getting more publicity, at least in the German press, than Elvis. She became Germany's most envied teenager, a modern Cinderella girl.

Then Private Presley, who states that his only present purpose in life is to be "a good soldier, a real GI's GI," dumped Margrit.

"El" explains: "I've got to keep faith with the other teenagers. I can't have any real romance in my life. That's the way it is. The dating with Margrit was just for publicity."

Summer Means White

DALLAS, Tex. (UPI)—The second largest state claims first with the fashion for summer

Texas manufacturers, promoting the spotless look, feature white in every type of active and spectator sportswear in this, a major sportswear manufacturing centre.

But it's white which the industry says is easy for a woman to keep that way, because of the use of wash and wear fabrics, both in the chemically-treated cottons and synthetics. Fabrics include synthetic sharkskins, cotton cords, dacron and cotton mixtures, cotton denims, satin-finished cottons, piques, and play-knit, a woven fabric resembling the true knit. All come in the little or no-iron category.

White stole the limelight on the opening day of a three-day series of style shows given each spring by the 43-member Dallas fashion manufacturers' centre for visiting fashion reporters.

Contrasting with the whites is a whole avalanche of vivid hues copied, the industry said, from the Indian tirbes of the southwest. These include cactus green, bold yellow and red.

Speaking Here

Ex-Powers model and one of Canada's 10 Best Dressed Women in 1949, Miss Winnifred Mather will present her New York and Paris-inspired "Accessory Story" under sponsorship of the Jaycee-Ettes on Friday at 8 p.m. in Oak Bay Junior High School.

Wife's Hard Knocks

HAIFA (WNS)—A judge in Haifa has reprimanded an Israeli named Ahmed Asli who left his wife for another woman because his wife frequently beat him up. "The ties of marriage should be strong enough to support a few slaps," delcared the judge, and sent him home to his wife.

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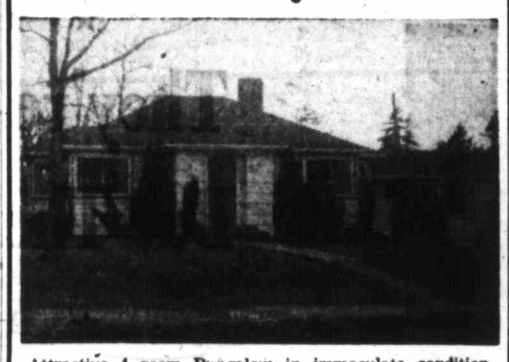

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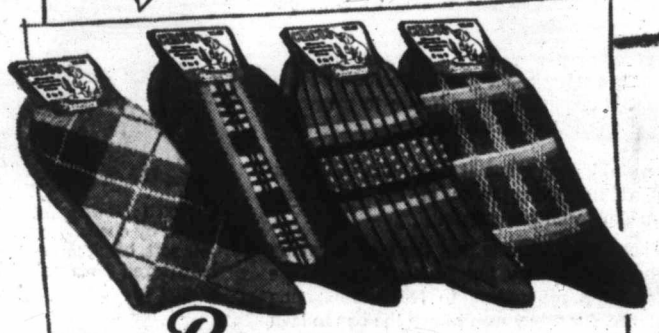

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